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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS TREATMENT OF SADAT'S INTERVIEW WITH  
FIGARO AND EUROPE NO. 1 RADIO

SUMMARY: IN INTERVIEWS WITH FIGARO AND EUROPE NO. 1 RADIO  
SADAT SPOKE FRANKLY OF SERIOUS PROBLEMS HE FACES: A) NON-  
DELIVERY OF SOVIET ARMS SINCE OCTOBER WAR; B) SOVIET INSISTENCE  
ON PAYMENT FOR PRE-OCTOBER DELIVERIES; C) URGENT NEED FOR  
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LARGE INFUSIONS OF "LIQUIDITY" FROM RICH ARAB STATES; AND

D) SLOW MOVEMENT ON DIPLOMATIC FRONT. HE REITERATED HIS VIEW THAT GENEVA IS PLACE FOR DISCUSSION OF A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT AND SHOULD FOLLOW RESTORATION OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. END SUMMARY.

1. CAIRO PRESS JAN. 25 LEADS WITH SADAT'S INTERVIEWS WITH FIGARO AND FRENCH RADIO, HIGHLIGHTING PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ABOUT CURRENT STATE OF DIPLOMACY IN ME BY USE OF RATHER DRAMATIC HEADLINES. AHRAM BANNERS: "SITUATION VERY GRAVE; PEACE EFFORTS ABOUT TO STOP." GUMHURIYYA RED BANNER: "SADAT: PEACE EFFORTS THREATENED WITH STOPPAGE."

2. ASSUME FBIS WILL CARRY FULL TEXT OF INTERVIEWS. FOLLOWING POINTS ARE WORTHY OF NOTE:

A. GOE AREA POLICY. SADAT REITERATED HIS VIEW THAT RESTORATION OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES SHOULD PRECEDE GENEVA CONFERENCE, WHICH WOULD BE SITE FOR DETERMINING COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION WITH PARTICIPATION ALL "ARAB FRONTS", INCLUDING PLO.

B. SOVIET ARMS. SADAT REPEATED HIS CHARGE THAT SOVIETS HAVE NOT SENT MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO EGYPT SINCE OCT. 14, AND CONFIRMED GOE PAID 80 MILLION EGYPTIAN POUNDS TO USSR LAST YEAR FOR ARMS. SAME FIGURE WAS CITED BY SADAT IN HIS LE MONDE INTERVIEW JAN 20 (CAIRO 788).

C. SECNOND STAGE WITHDRAWAL. SADAT SAID HE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED USG "REPLY" ON WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI PASSES AND ABU RUDAI. DATE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S NEXT ME TOUR IS NOT YET SET, HE SAID, ADDING THAT IF SECRETARY GOES TO ISRAEL HE WILL ALSO VISIT EGYPT AND SYRIA.

D. LIQUIDITY. ONCE AGAIN, AS IN HIS ANWAR INTERVIEW ON JAN. 7 (CAIRO 268), SADAT STRESSED HIS "URGENT NEED" FOR LIQUID FUNDS FROM "OIL-RICH GULF STATES." THIS TIME, HOWEVER, HE COUPLE HIS APPEAL WITH DIG AT MOSCOW SAYING HE NEEDS LIQUIDITY AND WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE ARAB CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. THIS "WOULD HELP ME OBTAIN THE CREDITS NECESSARY TO SETTLE OUR DEBT TO USSR."

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E. US "THREATS". SADAT WOULD NOT BE DRAWN OUT ON QUESTION OF US MILITARY ACTION IN OILFIELDS, SAYING HE REFUSED TO BELIEVE US STATEMENTS COULD BE SERIOUS AT TIME DIALOGUE WITH USG IS IN PROGRESS.

F. PLO. ISRAEL SHOULD FACE REALITY AND ACCEPT PLO AUTHORITY ON WEST BANK, SINCE ME PEACE DEPENDS CHIEFLY ON SOLVING PALESTINE PROBLEM. AKHBAR PRINTS Q AND A

ON RECOGNITION OF PLO BY "THE AMERICANS" AS REPORTED  
PARIS 2033; VIZ, SADAT SAID IN REPLY TO QUESTION THAT HE HAS  
REASONS TO BELIEVE RECOGNITION WILL BE "PUBLIC" NOT "SECRET".

G. VC-10 HIJACKERS. NOW IN LIBY IN PLO CUSTODY, THEY  
HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN CAIRO, BUT HAVE NOT AS YET  
DONE SO.

H. NUCLEAR REACTORS. SADAT WILL DISCUSS WITH GISCARD  
POSSIBILITY OF ACQUIRING FRENCH REACTORS. RELEVANT  
PROCEDURES ARE UNDERWAY IN US ON THIS ISSUE, BUT QUESTION  
OF ACQUIRING SOVIET REACTORS IS "FROZEN".  
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